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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 September 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1-23** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bayless et al. (5,754,636) in view of JP 09-055815 (cited by Applicant).

Regarding **claims 1-4, 10, 12, and 14**, Bayless et al. teaches a telephone call dialing method, for use in an information terminal with an operating system (see Fig. 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, and respective portions of the specification), which can display a plurality of windows (see col. 21, lines 12-22), comprising the steps and means of:

selecting a string of character information in a window displayed by the operating system, and storing the selected string of character information in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system (see col. 15, line 62 – col. 16, line 3, col. 22, lines 35-43);

call dialing control means (558) for controlling the operation of call dialing based upon the telephone number output from the output means, to the line (see col. 36, lines 61-67).

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selected piece of character information is stored in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system (see col. 15, line 62 – col. 16, line 3).

selected string of character information is one selected by a regional designation, and then stored in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system (see col. 15, lines 42-61).

However, Bayless et al. reference does not explicitly disclose to extract a telephone number from the stored string of character information; and call dialing based upon the extracted telephone number, to a line.

In the same field of endeavor, JP 09-055815 teaches to extract a telephone number from the stored string of character information; and call dialing based upon the extracted telephone number, to a line (see Abstract, lines 8-12) in order to cooperate control a telephone terminal equipment (see Abstract, line 3).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included within the Bayless et al. reference steps and means to extract a telephone number from the stored string of character information; and call dialing based upon the extracted telephone number, to a line as taught by JP 09-055815 for the purpose of cooperatively controlling a telephone terminal equipment as suggested by JP 09-055815 in Abstract line 3.

Regarding **claims 5-9, 11, 13, and 15-21**, Bayless et al. teaches a telephone call dialing method, for use in an information terminal with an operating system (see Fig. 20,

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21, 22, 23, 25, and respective portions of the specification), which can display a plurality of windows (see col. 21, lines 12-22), comprising the steps and means of:

displaying a first window (288; see col. 21, lines 40-67);

selecting a string of character information in a second window (282)

displayed by the operating system on display application means (72), and storing the selected string of character information (see col. 22, lines 35-54) for assistance in controlling a call dialing operation (see col. 21, lines 40-67);

call dialing control means (558) for controlling the operation of call dialing based upon the telephone number output from the output means, to the line (see col. 36, lines 61-67).

selection means (64, 66) for selecting a string of character information in a second window displayed by the operating system (see col. 21, lines 40-50);

storage means (60, 62) for storing the selected string of character information (see col. 8, lines 42-48);

output means for outputting the telephone number in order to call-dial to a line (see col. 8, lines 6-14 and col. 21, lines 12-34).

entering a telephone number from the stored string of character information (see col. 22, lines 35-43);

displaying the telephone number in the first window (see col. 21, lines 40-67); and

call dialing based upon the telephone number, to a line (see col. 21, lines 4-11).

However, Bayless et al. reference does not explicitly disclose the telephone number is an extracted telephone number, and an extraction means for extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information.

In the same field of endeavor, JP 09-055815 teaches an extraction means (i.e., controller 3-1) for extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information, displaying (3-30), and call-dial the extracted telephone number (see Abstract) in order to cooperate control a telephone terminal equipment (see Abstract, line 3).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included within the Bayless et al. reference an extraction means (i.e., controller 3-1) for extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information, displaying (3-30), and call-dial the extracted telephone number as taught by JP 09-055815 for the purpose of cooperatively controlling a telephone terminal equipment as suggested by JP 09-055815 in Abstract line 3.

Regarding **claims 20 and 21**, Bayless et al. in view of JP 09-055815 further teaches the information terminal, according to claim 11, when the display application means sets the first window to a tool bar display form (see Bayless, col. 21, lines 40-50), the extraction means (controller 3-1, see JP 09-055815) does not extract the telephone number from the character information (see Bayless, col. 19, lines 38-45).

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Regarding **claim 22 and 23**, Bayless et al. teaches a recording medium (60, 62; see Fig. 22, 24, 25, and respective portions of the specification), which store a program to be executed by a computer, wherein the program includes:

a procedure for displaying a first window (288) which assists a telephone call dialing operation (see col. 21, lines 40-67);

a procedure for selecting a string of character information in a window displayed by the operating system, and storing the selected string of character information (see col. 21, lines 35-50 and col. 22, lines 26-43);

a procedure for entering a telephone number from the stored string of character information (see col. 22, lines 26-43); and

a procedure for call dialing based upon the entered telephone number, to a line (see col. 21, lines 4-22).

However, Bayless et al. reference does not explicitly disclose a procedure for extracting from the stored string of character information and call dialing an extracted telephone number.

In the same field of endeavor, JP 09-055815 teaches a procedure for extracting and call dialing an extracted telephone number from the stored string of character information, displaying (3-30), and call dial the extracted telephone number (see Abstract) in order to cooperate control a telephone terminal equipment (see Abstract, line 3).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included within the Bayless et al. reference a

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procedure (i.e., controller 3-1) for extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information, and call dial the extracted telephone number as taught by JP 09-055815 for the purpose of cooperatively controlling a telephone terminal equipment as suggested by JP 09-055815 in Abstract line 3.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

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